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Jean Bell Notes to Submission on St Asaph St Cycleway October 30 2017.

This year I have started to ride an electric assist bicycle for the exercise of and recovery from a right Knee Replacement, as advised by my Doctors and Physiotherapist. I used a bicycle to commute to work at Christchurch Womens Hospital (a hospital midwife) and took short local trips, always being aware of my safety while using the road carriageways. The last time was around 1995.

The safe environment of the separated cycleways is a great initiative and I am really enjoying "Giving it a Go" as promoted on the Cycleway Brochure.

It is, therefore, so important that the design and construction is the safest possible for all road users (I include pedestrians here too).

Car parking adjacent to the cycle paths prevents good vision for users on the path and the road. I have experienced this on Colombo St (going north), I become aware of an engine slowing down beside me (with a parked car between us) the driver needed to stop suddenly when he saw me.

For this main reason I support the original plan with no car parking, then Option 1 ~ minor changes. I reject Option 2 ~ with increased car parking.

As all road travellers use and learn the "new rules" associated with the cycleway system attitudes will improve.

Last Monday, Labour Day, following the Biktober 3 Major Cycleways Ride, I rode around the Tuam and St Asaph Cycleway two and half times to familiarise myself and prepare this presentation.

I also use a car and am prepared to "park and walk".

To be positive : I have exchanged courtesy, smiles and waves with many other travellers and am enjoying the health benefits of being outside in the air, sunlight and amongst the scents of the flowers of our Garden City.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to make the submission and to speak today.

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